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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Security Officer

29 March 1956

SUBJECT : Briefing to Key GMUTOMAT Personnel

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Project Director, dated 27 March 1956, from
[REDACTED] re above subject (SAPC-4798)

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1. I refer to the attached request for permission to brief key GMUTOMAT personnel on certain aspects of Project AQUATOR.

2. My own reaction is that the number of individuals whom it is proposed to brief is somewhat excessive. Nevertheless, I have already expressed my agreement in principle with the briefing of those senior staff members of GMUTOMAT who have a real need to know and whose knowledge of AQUATOR will make for better over-all security. Accordingly, I request that you satisfy yourself presumably through discussion with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], the GMUTOMAT Security Officer, as to the number of individuals who fall into this category and then authorize on my behalf the briefing of those individuals. I would appreciate if you would advise me of the action taken.

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3. I believe you might work out with [REDACTED] an accelerated procedure for clearing individuals for knowledge of AQUATOR. My suggestion is that all requests for authority to clear additional individuals be submitted to you and that you then pass them to the Deputy Project Director or to me with your recommendations. This will speed matters and will serve the interest of all concerned.

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SIGNED

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Project Director

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